MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I beg the member's pardon.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Has any arrangement been made by the Land Revenue Department for acquisition of land?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): As soon as the department is able to obtain the necessary lands by surrender from the interested ryots, the work will be carried out. There is no question of acquisition here.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Has there been any progress during the last 8 years in the matter?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The bulk of the lands has been surrendered. After securing the lands necessary to secure the full width of 22 feet under the *ryots' roads rules*, the work could be taken up. There is only a length of 400 feet remaining to be finished.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Is it such a difficult task to get the required lands?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Until the lands are surrendered the work cannot be done.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Will the member realise that the *ryots' roads rules* have become impracticable in the Agastisvaram taluk?

MR. T. P RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): No, they are not impracticable. We have gone so far; only 400 feet of the road remain to be done.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastiswaram*): Is the member aware that nothing has been done on that road till the time the interpellation was forwarded?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I am not aware of that. The member will do well to induce the ryots concerned to surrender the lands required. Then the work will progress.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): If the department does not proceed under the Land Acquisition Rules, the ryots will be practically helpless.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): This is the present position. Unless it is found that the lands could not be surrendered, Government cannot proceed further in the matter.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Do not the authorities delay matters?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): They won't delay matters. They have instructions to negotiate with the ryots concerned.

Vacancies of Headmasterships in Departmental English High Schools.

71. MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

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(*a*) the total number of Departmental English High Schools in the State;

(*b*) the Departmental English High Schools in which the Headmasterships are vacant at present (3-12-1103);

(*c*) the respective periods during which these places have been vacant; and

(*d*) the cause of the delay in filling up these places?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 21.

(*b*) and (*c*) A statement * containing the required information is laid on the table.

(*d*) The delay was due to the time taken in revising the gradation list of the 1st and 2nd grade teachers. Proposals for filling up the vacancies have been urgently called for from the Director of Public Instruction.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Is there any rule regarding the gradation of these teachers?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, there were general rules, but with reference to the dates of entertainment of several teachers, the dates on which they were confirmed in particular appointments, qualifications and all those things in the case of these officers, there were complaints, and as I said yesterday, they had to be enquired into, and some principles had to be fixed upon in regard to gradation, as a result of a conference of officers.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): When was the existing gradation list prepared?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): That was being prepared from time to time. The Civil lists of the State are issuing half yearly. They were quarterly before. As each teacher is entertained, he finds a place in the list. The order in the list was questioned; so the whole question had to be enquired into. It affected about 350 teachers.

MR A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): How did the question of grading the second grade teachers affect the Headmastership?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): No, it did not directly affect. But in regard to some of the second grade teachers their gradation also depended upon the very same principle. So, Government took occasion to revise their list also.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): What is the number of First Grade Teachers?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): If the member will kindly look into the civil list he will know it. There are 71 first grade teachers, and there are 214 in the second grade.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Is not the grade of a particular teacher fixed when he is promoted?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I have already answered the question. He was being put in the list in

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a particular order reckoning from the date of his appointment. Many teachers were entertained on the *same* date. As between these teachers, the question of relative seniority formed a subject of complaint; then the previous service of these men had to be considered.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Can the member give the House any idea as to the further time required for settling this matter?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not think a very long time would elapse hereafter, because the list is now before the Director and the Director has been asked to do the needful.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Seeing that several years have elapsed since the revision began to be made, I should like to know whether the member can give an approximate idea of the actual length of time that will be required hereafter?

MR T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): It cannot now be said. The Director is at it.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I put the question because the lapse of considerable time conveys no meaning.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Reasons have been given for the length of time. The matter will be taken up very soon.

The Trivandrum Water Supply Scheme.

72. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the progress made in regard to the Trivandrum Water Supply Scheme; and

(*b*) the amount that has been spent up to date (3rd Karkatakam 1103) for this scheme from the current year's (1103) budget allotment?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The preliminary investigation work connected with the scheme is in progress and the detailed estimates and plans are awaited. A brief report* about the progress in the investigation work, furnished by the Chief Engineer, is laid on the table.

(*b*) Rs. 28,080-1-0 to the end of Mithunam 1103.

Research Laboratory of the Industrial Department.

73. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the functions of the Industrial Chemist;

(*b*) whether it is possible to do researches in the Research Laboratory attached to the Department of Industries; and

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Appendix I.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 71.**

Statement showing vacancies of Headmasterships in English Schools.

Serial No.	Name of school.	Date from which each school has been without a Headmaster.
1	English High School, Eraniel.	9-10-1101
2	Do. Neyyattinkara.	5-2-1102
3	Model Do. Trivandrum.	24-11-1103
4	English High School, Shencotta.	About 6-12-1101
5	Do. Kayankulam.	16-3-1101
6	Do. Mavelikara.	About 15-1-1101
7	Do. for Mahomedans, Alleppey.	16-4-1101
8	Do. Shertallai.	About 20-4-1101

Appendix II.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 72.**

Report *re* the Trivandrum Water Supply Scheme.

Briefly stated, it became necessary to investigate the scheme practically *de novo* as a result of Mr. Madeley's advice. The field work necessary has been completed. The water-spread area for the reservoir was contoured and lock-spitted. The supply conduit has been aligned and set out on the ground for the full length of 8 miles. Necessary levels were taken involving levelling for a total length of nearly 400 miles, and a contour map of the proposed water supply town has been prepared, which is necessary for working out the distribution system. Detail surveys and levels and sections for the dam site at Aruvikkarai have been prepared. The preliminary investigations into the possibilities of forming supplementary storage reservoirs in the upper reaches of the Karamanai river inside the Kottur reserve have been finished. The weekly analysis, chemical and bacteriological, of the Karamanai water was continued as also the gaugings of the flow in the river. Bench marks were established along the main supply line. Manufacture of cement and *surki* briquettes for the purpose of testing as also of cement concrete pipes was undertaken and the testing of briquettes also done.

Since 7-3-'28, land plan and area list for reservoir area were prepared and submitted; likewise, those for supply conduit lines were prepared after lock-spitting on the ground. Those for the remaining length are nearly ready for submission. Investigation into the nature

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